

Safety Review Committee

February 21, 2003

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present

Joel Ager, Dennis Collins, Sharon Doyle, Ben Feinberg (Chair), Ken Fletcher, Richard Kadel, Ed Lampo (Secretary), Peter Lichty, Don Lucas, Steve Lundgren, Augusto Macchiavelli, Othon Monteiro, Linfeng Rao, Linda Smith, Scott Taylor, Hisao Yokota

Members Absent

Mack Kennedy, Ted Sopher, Weyland Wong, Linda Wuy

Others Present

John Chernowski, James Floyd, Robin Wendt

Previous Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by the SRC chair, Ben Feinberg. The January minutes were approved as submitted.

Ergo Upgrades

- A memo from Don Lucas, outlining the EETD Ergonomic Upgrade Program, was circulated and discussed. Listed are cost allocations and procedure for obtaining matching lab-wide funds. EETD expects to upgrade 40 - 50 workstations.
- Performance criteria for measuring progress/success of this Ergo Pilot were discussed and several suggestions resulted. A revised copy will be distributed to SRC before the March meeting.

MESH and Related

- Criteria for determining frequency of MESH Reviews will be based upon both the division's past MESH performance and subsequent ISM Board recommendation. Specifics are being developed.
- The Physical Biosciences' MESH is scheduled to begin in May as is the MESH Review of the Directorate. MESH schedules for EETD, Physics and the ALS are being arranged.

Legacy Waste

Robin Wendt opened discussion by pointing out that Radiation Protection and Waste Management are working together to resolve legacy waste issues. Jim Floyd presented how Radiation Protection is handling existing legacy waste and discussed plans for mitigation of future waste.

1) The Lab will clarify roles and responsibilities for legacy waste

- EHS will reiterate and reinforce policy that line management is responsible for clean-out (rad, chemical and bio) of their lab space at the end of projects or the end of a PI's term at the Lab. EHS will provide tools to support this responsibility, e.g. RWA termination surveys, making contract staff available (line to pay), Chem Inventory prompts when custodians check out of HRIS.

- Divisions with existing legacy waste (CSD, PBD, EH&S) will accept responsibility and partner with EHS in the characterization and disposition of these materials.
- EHS will assign EH&S Points of Contact for legacy waste on a project-by-project basis.

2) **EHS will provide appropriate and improved staffing for legacy waste projects**

- Coordination between rad protection, industrial hygiene and waste management will be improved.
- When possible, career staff will be utilized rather than term, temporary, contract, etc.

3) **Current Legacy Project Goals**

- All legacy items in HERL will be characterized and disposition paths identified.
- All HWHF legacy (both in 85 and 75A) will be characterized and disposition paths identified.
- Calvin Lab legacy sweep completed 4/02; continuing surveillance underway.
- B51 - Another \$900K has been appropriated to continue progress at the Bevatron.
- NTLF legacy waste and delisting petition waste being managed by HWHF for PBD.
- Bldg. 71 - No current plans for final cave clean-outs.

The SRC agreed that responsibilities for legacy waste should be reiterated to line management. This might best be done by bringing to their attention the EH&S staff, tools and checklists as pointed out by Jim Floyd. It is desired that an update on legacy waste be presented to SRC in a few months.

ISM Board Review of MESHs

The MESH Reviews of Chemical Sciences, Computing and EH&S were recently assessed by the Integrated Safety Management Board. The Board felt that the next MESH Review for Computing could possibly be in four years. (Note that these Board recommendations are only hypothetical, as this cycle of reviews does not qualify for variance from tri-annual cycle.) Since Chemical Sciences has such a large portion of the division based on campus it was suggested that, even though their MESH Review went well, CSD should stay on the three-year cycle. Because EH&S deals with Lab-wide ongoing safety issues, the ISM recommendation was to continue three year MESH Reviews of EH&S.

New Business

- Peter Lichty stated that there are new data available for "Workers' Comp" and Accident Statistics. He will present some of these interesting analyses at the March SRC meeting.
- The MOU with UC Campus has progressed little in the last two months. Robin said that a request was made to UC last month, asking for final MOU by May 30 -- so far no response.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Lampo
SRC Secretary

Next Scheduled SRC Meeting: March 21, 2003, 10:00 AM – Noon, Bldg.90-Rm.1099